

March 8, 2010

Honorable E. Benjamin Nelson
United State Senate
Nebraska

Regarding: Center for Rural Entrepreneurship Application

Dear Senator Nelson:

I would like to endorse the Center for Rural Entrepreneurship's application for funding through the Congressional Request Process in support of additional community Entrepreneur Coaching Projects in Nebraska. There is significant interest and demand for economic development. Based on our experience, we believe the Center's program offers great promise for helping communities better support entrepreneurs as a way to create jobs and grow their economy.

As a community college we are working with several communities that will benefit from the support of the Center for Rural Entrepreneurship. We then hope to expand that into county support including smaller communities. For the rural areas of Nebraska to survive and continue to be an integral part of the state, we must train people on the opportunities within their local area.

I have had the opportunity to work with Don Macke and his staff and they do a wonderful job. We would hope that you would continue to support their efforts and funding.

Sincerely,



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